VHRI Advisory Council: Status of Virginia's Exchange Activities

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VHRI Process

> 2010 Report

- Virginia should create its own
- 10 Exchange Principles

> 2011 Report

- Based on three meetings
- Recommendations
 - Governance Structure: SCC or Quasi
 - One administrative structure for individual and SHOP
 - Benefit mandates same in and out
 - Allow both agents and navigators to assist with enrollment; some type of certification/training required
 - Passive Purchaser model
 - Small group 2–50

Background Research (Planning grant and SHAP grant)

- Market, ways to reduce adverse selection
- Projected Enrollment
- Employers' perspective on HBE

Stakeholder consultation

- Virginia is for "public comment" lovers
- Written public comment formed basis of discussions
- Public Comment at the meetings

State and regulatory actions

- 2011: Intent to create and operate an exchange
- Conform Virginia's law and regulations to new market reforms

Governance Structure

- Flexibility in hiring, procurement
- Membership
- Where housed

Program Integration

- DSS and eligibility systems integration
- DMAS, eligibility and enrollment
- · BOI: Plan management, regulations
- VDH/MCHIP unit: Network adequacy, quality

Exchange IT Systems

- APD and RFP
- Funding: 90/10, 100%
- eHHR office formed
- Timeline

- Financial Management
 - Billing
 - Fees
 - Financial stability in 2015

- Program Integrity: TBD
 - Will request for support in Level 1 Grant

Health Insurance Market Reforms

• HB 1958

PWC/BOI Data Call

All health insurance companies licensed in Virginia an issuing major medical health insurance policies in individual, large employer, and small employer group markets were asked to submit specified data on their book of business. 100% response rate for individual business; 90 percent for small group markets; and 92% for large group markets

 Providing Assistance to Individual and Small businesses, coverage, appeals, and complaints: TBD

Business Operations/Exchange Functions: TBD

Next Steps

Level I grant and continuance on core functions

- Grant being written by OSHHR, with input from DMAS, BOI, and VDH. RWJF technical assistance being provided.
- Seek funding for core staff for Exchange, RFP, additional research (that cannot be completed with support from RWJF)
- Submit by June 29, 2012

VHRI meetings

- May 3: Essential Health Benefits
- May 24: Business Model
- June 13: Essential Health Benefits, SHOP, Brokers and Navigators
- Additional meetings will be planned

Next Steps

- Monthly Program Integration
 Meetings/Monitoring Timelines and
 Accomplishments
 - OSHHR
 - BOI, VDH, DMAS
- RFP for Technology for Development and Implementation of Eligibility
 System/Exchange
 - First priority is Medicaid eligibility

Exchange Five Core Functions

Eligibility	Accept applications from individuals and small businesses; conduct verifications of applicant information; determine eligibility for enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan and for insurance affordability programs; determine employer and employee eligibility for SHOP enrollment; connect Medicaid and CHIP-eligible applicants to Medicaid and CHIP; and conduct redeterminations and appeals.
Enrollment	Enrollment of consumers into qualified health plans; transactions with Qualified Health Plans and transmission of information necessary to initiate advance payments of the premium tax credit and cost-sharing reductions.
Consumer Assistance	Consumer support assistors; education and outreach; Navigator management; call center operations; website management; and written correspondence with consumers to support eligibility and enrollment.
Plan Management	Plan selection approach (e.g., active purchaser or any willing plan); collection and analysis of plan rate and benefit package information; issuer and QHP certification, monitoring and oversight; ongoing issuer account management; issuer outreach and training; and data collection and analysis for quality.
Financial Management	Premium aggregation for SHOP (option to administer individual consumer premiums); user fees; financial integrity; support of risk adjustment, reinsurance, and risk corridor programs.

Exchange Timeline

	June/July 2012 Expected Date for Supreme Court decision on healthcare reform		October 2013 Exchange opens for enrollment		December 31, 2014 Exchange must be self- sustaining
2012		2013	2014		2015
		December 31, 2012 State must certify that it is ready to launch Exchange in 2014		November 3, 2014 Last Exchange Establishment application deadline	